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Inspection Report Minerals Regulatory Program September 17, 2009

Reviewed: JK

Mine Name: Last Chance 25 & 26	Permit Number: M/015/0061
Operator Name: Western Clay Company	Inspection Date: 08/20/2009
Inspector(s): Brett Gregory <i>W H W</i>	Time: 1:00 pm
Other Participants: None	Mine Status: Active

Elements of Inspection	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcement
1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Deleterious Material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Concurrent Reclamation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts, drill holes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Water Impoundments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Soils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Revegetation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Bond Amount: \$53,200

Permit fee: Current

Purpose of Inspection: This was a routine annual inspection to document conditions at the site.

Inspection Summary:

- 1) All fees are paid in full. The bond is not due for escalation until July 26, 2011.
- 2) Two large drums were found on site. They need to be removed if not being used.
- 7) Pretty much all of the overburden dumps lie at an angle of repose, they will need to be recontoured to match existing topography. There also is a large trench that eventually will need to be backfilled and graded to 45 degrees or less.
- 10) The entrance to the site appears to have been ripped, reseeded, and growing successfully. No other vegetation growth could be found within the mining disturbance, except maybe Shadscale.
- 12) I gathered GPS data for both the mine area and access road leading to the site. The total disturbance is approximately 9.44 acres.

(Recent photographs I have taken best document the condition of the mine since the last inspection in 2007.)



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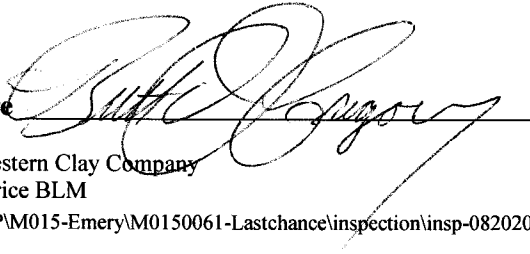
Conclusions and Recommendations: It is my recommendation all reposed dumps should be graded and recontoured to blend in with the existing topography. Revegetation efforts should also be made where possible to allow time for revegetation success. DOGM will continue to monitor this site when in the area.

Inspector's Signature

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cc: Brad Boyter, Western Clay Company
Chris Conrad, Price BLM

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Topsoil salvaged to the north.



Designated overburden to the south.



Central mining area and main disturbance.



Access loop road.



Large empty drums. (Possibly trash that needs to be removed?)



Top view of disturbance looking east. (No vegetation found.)



Side furthest west. (Some noticeable vegetation.)



South side. (Eventual grade should match topography.)



Shadscale.



Prickly Pear Cactus.



Indian Ricegrass, etc. (Photo taken in 2008.)



Castle Valley Clover? (Photo taken in 2008.)